REGULARS AND VOLUNTEERS:

OVERVIEW OF A VOLUNTEER SOLDIER

Name:
Volunteer Soldier
You are a blacksmith. When your state calls for volunteers to fight in the U.SMexican War, you rush to enlist. You are proud to protect your country and know a volunteer militia can protect the country better than the regular army because:
Volunteers take care of themselves
'Volunteers should be exempt [freed from] all duties except such as are absolutely necessary. They are composed of a different material from the regulars and should be differently managed." – Sergeant Thomas Barclay, 2 nd Pennsylvania Infantry
Volunteers are always prepared to fight
'Our reliance for protection and defense must be mainly on our citizen soldiers, who will be ever ready, as they have been ever ready in times past, to rush to her [the country's] defense." – President James K. Polk
In your own words, explain the ways in which a volunteer militia can better protect the country than the regular standing army.
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